

## CHAPTER XXVII.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE LOCATION OF THE GENERAL OFFICE OF RAILWAY COMPANIES CHARTERED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE."

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That every railroad company heretofore or hereafter incorporated by the laws of the territory or state of Minnesota, shall establish within this state, at some point on the line, or at a terminal point of its road an office to be known as its general office, within this state, and at said point keep some officer of said company or special auditor of accounts, secretary or general agent, upon whom service of all legal process against said company may be made, and who shall be authorized to hear and determine all questions relating to the current business of said company arising within the state.

General railway office

SEC. 2. At said office there shall be kept at all times the original minutes of the board of directors or executive committee of the board, and a list of the stockholders of the company, or correct copies thereof, which copies shall be kept [up] from time to time of the entries in the original number [minutes] or transfers which occur.

List of stockholders and original minutes of board of directors to be kept at said office.

SEC. 3. That all land grant companies shall keep within this state, at some office publicly established, the original or copies of all books, papers and records of every description relating to the land sold, encumbered, contracted, or owned by such company, sufficient to show intelligibly all material matters connected with such grant and the management of its lands, which books and papers shall be open at all reasonable times on demand, to inspection by the auditor of state, railroad commissioner, or any agent appointed for that purpose by the governor.

To keep record of lands sold, &c., by said company.

SEC. 4. If any such company shall fail to comply with the provisions of this act, it shall, for every month it shall fail to establish and maintain such offices, forfeit

Penalty for failure to comply with provisions of this act.

and pay for the use of the general fund of the state, the sum of five hundred dollars, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction, to be prosecuted and collected by the attorney general, in the name of the state of Minnesota.

Repeal of former act

SEC. 5. The act entitled "An act to establish the location of the general offices of railroad companies, chartered under the laws of the state," approved March sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, is hereby repealed.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of May next.

Approved March 9, 1874.

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## CHAPTER XXVIII.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROCEEDING IN CONDEMNATING PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE ON BEHALF OF RAILROAD COMPANIES.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

All awards and damages for taking lands for public use to draw interest until paid.

SECTION 1. All awards for compensation and damages for the taking of land for public use on behalf of railroad corporations, where no appeal is taken, shall draw interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date of the filing of such awards until paid, and where an appeal is taken the verdict in such appeal shall draw the like rate of interest until paid.

Additional tax in case of appeal.

SEC. 2. Where an appeal is taken from such awards and verdict rendered, the court shall add to such verdict all taxes and local assessments imposed upon the property sought to be condemned since the initiation of the condemnatory proceedings, and paid by the owners of the property, and also in case the property has not been occupied by the owner from the time of the filing of the award interest upon the amount fixed by the verdict from the date of such filing at the rate of seven per cent. per annum and the payment of any such tax or assessments by such owner shall be conclusive evidence of the